

REMARKS

Interview Summary

In a telephone interview with the Examiner, the Notice to Comply with the Sequence Rules, mailed on March 26, 2004, was discussed. Mr. Zuccherino informed the Examiner that based on the filing of a Preliminary Amendment on December 14, 2001, the application was in compliance with the sequence rules. The Examiner informed Mr. Zuccherino that after a review of the Application the Examiner determined that the Application did meet the requirements regarding the sequence rules and that the Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules would be vacated.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above reply and interview summary, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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